

# The National Security State and the Kennedy Assassination

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The national-security establishment's assassination of President John F. Kennedy was one of the pivotal events in our lifetime, and it continues to have an adverse impact on American life today. Join FFF president Jacob G. Hornberger as he discusses the changes it has wrought.

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[Music] i'm jacob hornberger president of the future of freedom foundation and this is this week's libertarian angle the show that brings you the principled case for the libertarian philosophy in the context of the burning issues of the day i'm not joined by my co-host richard eveline this week he couldn't make it so you get me as a solo performer here on this week's libertarian angle i thought i'd use this as an opportunity to talk to you about our current ongoing conference the national security state and the kennedy assassination now over the years people have asked me you know what relevance does the kennedy assassination have to people that are living today i mean the assassination took place more than 50 years ago are we talking about just a historical event and my answer is always on the contrary it's a direct line from the kennedy assassination and even before to where we are today in terms of the national security state form of governmental structure under which we live the program of state-sponsored assassinations that is now right out in the open the indefinite detentions the forever wars the alliances with dictatorial regimes the coups the regime change operations it's just one long continuum and the kennedy assassination is simply part of that continuum and that if we're going to get back to where we need to be in this country a society based on peace prosperity harmony morality liberty it's necessary to face discomforting truths and the biggest discomforting truth is with respect to this national security state way of life with including its many many regime change operations

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change operations both foreign and domestic along with all of its weird perverse programs i mean like take mk ultra i mean how could you come up with a more perverse program than that here you are subjecting american citizens to unlawful illegal illegitimate immoral drug experiments and then when they come out and it's disclosed what does the cia do they intentionally destroy all their records to prevent the american people from learning the full extent of what they were doing and how they were doing it and the people to whom they were doing it so by understanding the kennedy assassination you can you can start to get a sense of the pattern of things that were taking place back then and that have continued taking place ever since as i've pointed out many many times america was started as a constitutionally limited government republic that meant a government with very limited powers in fact the powers were enumerated in the constitution itself if a power wasn't enumerated in those few enumerated powers it could not be exercised and if in fact if you had told the american people that the constitution was going to bring into existence a national security state they never would have approved the deal there is no doubt about that if you told them that they were going to

have the type of governmental system we have today and have for since world war ii they would have said no and and they would have continued operating under the articles of confederation they didn't want a government that had the power to assassinate anyone including an american president or including a foreign official that there was no power of assassination among the limited enumerated powers and so it's not surprising that that there were no state-sponsored assassinations uh prior to world war ii on the part of the federal government

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the federal government that all changes in after world war ii that the argument was that oh we're now facing this implacable foe uh the soviet union which interestingly enough had been america's world war ii partner and ally but as soon as nazi germany is defeated man everything changes and and the u.s officials say well now we need to convert into a national security state which is a totalitarian form of governmental structure in the sense that it wields omnipotent non-reviewable powers including the power to assassinate people now if you look at the at the bill of rights it expressly states that no person shall have his life taken away from him without due process of law and due process of law is a term that stretched all the way back to magna carta it involves notice and trial or hearing you've got to give notice of to a person what he's being charged with and give him an opportunity to defend himself in other words no assassinations because assassinations don't involve due process of law but when the government changed to a national security state that effectively nullified the bill of rights even though it was done without a constitutional amendment it's just the nature of the structure i mean president eisenhower pointed this out in his farewell address this was in 1961 where he says okay we've got this newfangle system he called it a military industrial complex it's the same thing deep state whatever term you want to use for the pentagon the cia and the nsa and to a certain extent the fbi that this eisenhower pointed out this is a newfangled way of life for america now he said it was necessary because of the cold war he bought into that nonsense but he said this is a grave threat to the the democratic processes of the american people it's a powerful force within the government and it's a dangerous force he wasn't the only one when john when

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he wasn't the only one when john when john kennedy becomes president he recognizes the dangers of this and you those of you that have watched the first three segments of our conference can now understand what was going on with this relationship between kennedy and the military-industrial intelligence complex he comes into power is under suspicion now he was a standard cold warrior most americans were i'd say about 99 of americans had bought into this this concept that was being promoted by the pentagon the cia that that there's an international communist conspiracy it's gonna it's hell-bent on taking over the world in the united states it's it's slowly creeping to our land uh both within the minds of people as well as just enveloping countries that kennedy comes in with this mindset with an exception though as we pointed out in our conference he sides with third world countries against colonial powers like britain and belgium and france and says hey these people are just fighting for independence and boy this set off the alarm bells in the pentagon the cia because their position was absolutely not these are communist directed movements and that that when these independence movements prevail they're going to be part of the communist conspiracy that's going to slowly and but inevitably take over the world including the united states so kennedy comes into office under suspicion right off the bat uh now an example of this is as as our speakers have pointed out in our conference the the cia decided that they needed to assassinate the congo leader patrice lumumba he was one of the leaders in one of these independence movements and and therefore he was a communist and

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and and therefore he was a communist and but they knew that kennedy sympathized with these third world movements so they orchestrated lumumba's assassination and accelerated the the assassination schedule so that they could kill the man who was totally innocent i mean it showed that their mindset they were willing

to assassinate an innocent person that they believed merited assassination because he was a communist and they orchestrated that within two or three days before kennedy became president uh to ensure that they got the job done before the president could nix it uh this is the type of arrogance the hubris that existed within within the uh the cia but it was also within the military as we've shown in the in the last presentation we had the the relationship between the military and kennedy it started out bad and it just deteriorated it started out with deception with respect to the bay of pigs invasion deception not only by the cia i mean that's been established but as came out in in john newman's talk there's this this tension between the military because they're deceiving kennedy too on on the bay of pigs and then after that fiasco you've got the the military exhorting kennedy to to invade cuba because by this time you know cuba had turned communist fidel castro had taken power and they said america couldn't stand i mean this was proof that the communists were coming to get us that 90 miles away away from american shores that the communists were here and but i mean cuba never attacked the united states they ever threatened to attack the united states they never had the ability to invade the united states but all this fear of oh cuba's going to come and get us cuba's going to come and get us and most revealing is their their mafia partnership the cia's mafia partnership imagine partnering with the most evil criminal organization in the world

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organization in the world and they're partnering with them to assassinate fidel castro now we've all just grown up with this oh yeah standard and the mainstream press makes jokes about oh exploding cigars like yuck yuck yuck and they yuck it up but they ignore the real significance of this they're killing a person that has done nothing wrong i mean just because a person is a communist because that was their mindset if if he's a communist he's a threat to national security and therefore we can kill him where is that authority morally where is the authority legally where's the authority constitutionally where is the authority but nobody questioned that certainly not the courts the courts were never going to question anything the national security establishment decided was in the interest of national security so in in the in the relationship with cuba you know the americans were told oh they're the aggressors the communists are the aggressors in fact when you look at it in a real sense the u.s was always the aggressor against cuba it still is it imposed this brutal embargo with the intent of of impoverishment and killing the cuban people until they overthrow the castro regime and put in another pro-us dictator like fujio batista the corrupt dicta brutal dictator who preceded castro but who was pro-us that's what that's what this whole embargo is about and then you've got the assassination attempts uh you you've got this the strangulation of cuba you've got criminalizing americans travel to cuba spending money there yeah i mean there's no question the u.s has always been the aggressor so what we're establishing here is the deteriorate deteriorating nature of the relationship between kennedy and the national national security establishment and then it proceeds into the into the cuban missile crisis

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cuban missile crisis where castro he knows that that the the pentagon the cia are pushing for an invasion he's he's not ignorant of this and of course there was operation northwoods which was a plan that was kept secret for for 30 something years where the military told kennedy let's just attack ourselves and and say that it was cuba's agents that did it and and killed innocent people in the process innocent americans but there just have to be sacrifice for the greater good because then we can invade cuba and kennedy said absolutely not and then so castro knows about all these plans to invade so he gets the soviet union to put in nuclear missiles there not to attack the united states as the mainstream press and the national security establishment often allege but rather just to defend or actually to deter an attack well as soon as those missiles come due there the fight between the military and kennedy man it it skyrockets because the military is saying you need to invade you need to invade and kennedy is resisting this now let me back up a second you recall eisenhower's warnings about the power of the military at the military intelligence establishment well kennedy believed the same thing about how dangerous this force was and so he read a book called seven days in may about the power of the military in the united states to to remove a president and take control for purposes of national security to protect national security and he was so impressed by this book and by the importance of the book and the message of the book that he got the book made into a movie he

was very persuasive with friends in hollywood he even turned over the white house to film it over the vehement um objections of the pentagon naturally and the movie was made the book was made into a movie to serve as a warning to the american

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to serve as a warning to the american people this is what we're facing here the power of this military intelligence establishment so that then there's the cuban missile crisis and the military is there saying to kennedy you see if you had done what we had told you to do invade cuba there wouldn't be these missiles if you had followed operation northwoods like we told you to do we wouldn't be in this pickle in fact there was one instance where one of the members of the joint chiefs of staff general curtis lemay is incredible i mean remember lemay's boss is the president supposedly but that's not the way they viewed it they saw kennedy as this neophyte philandering president who you know showed cowardice at the bay of pigs he let those cuban exiles be captured and killed on the beaches at the hands of the communists he could have sent an air support and he didn't i mean they viewed him as a coward and and kennedy knew he had been set up he fired the the head of the cia now alan dulles was a powerful guy he was one of the most revered respected people within the the intelligence establishment kennedy fires this guy and his chief deputy uh for the for the bay of pigs fiasco and and kennedy's reputed to have said i'm gonna tear the cia into a thousand pieces and i'm gonna scatter them to the winds this is the kind of relationship that exists between them so then when the cuban missile crisis comes along you've got these missiles there the military's saying see we told you and lemay actually says to kennedy his boss in the midst of this crisis something to the effect of you're in a real pickle now aren't you can you imagine a general saying that to his commanding officer who's the commander in chief i mean kennedy should have fired the guy right there for insubordination but instead kennedy said what did you say and and lemay actually doubles down and

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and and lemay actually doubles down and repeats it and says he didn't care you know he he figured that he was the guy that knew better not kennedy and and he says you're in a pickle and and kennedy perhaps to his credit doesn't take the bait and says well you're right in there with me general and walked away and so then kennedy commits the ultimate uh heresy he cuts a deal with the communists now it's often said by the mainstream press and the mainstream historians that that cruz chef nikita khrushchev the the head of the soviet union blinked in the cuban missile crisis that's not true it's actually kennedy who blinked it and it's a good thing he did because they were right on the edge of nuclear war they just right if if what what the cia didn't know what kennedy didn't know was that the soviet commanders on the ground in cuba had been given battlefield authority to use their nuclear weapons and that the nuclear weapons were fully armed so if troops had come in invading or bombs started dropping there's just no question that those cuban those soviet commanders in a last gas attempt would have used those those nuclear missiles they were tactical nuclear missiles and then that would have caused the whole thing to start being unleashed there's no way that kennedy would not have responded by by firing nuclear missiles at the soviet union uh and and that's that's what the military and the cia were exhorting kennedy to do now kennedy cuts a deal with the soviet union where he says okay if you guys will withdraw your missiles we will pledge i will pledge that there will be no invasion of cuba castro says fine that that's what the missiles were there for and and and and khrushchev throws in the last middle deal last minute deal where he says well i want you to remove your your missiles from turkey and and uh italy

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missiles from turkey and and uh italy uh or um turkey and yeah i think it was italy at least turkey and they're that are pointed right there at the soviet union i mean it's like no different from the missiles in cuba that pointing at the united states and kennedy agrees to do that secretly he says well okay let's cut the deal but keep it secret because this could hurt me politically so the the soviet missiles are withdrawn and khrushchev and castro got what they wanted that was that there would be no invasion of cuban no more regime change

well you can imagine the consequence within the joint chiefs of staff and the cia i mean this was heresy this was cowardice this was treason as one of the joint chiefs of staff said this there this is the worst defeat in american history why because kennedy had left this communist threat to the united states a threat that that essentially said the united states can't survive with a communist regime in cuba and he had left them there permanently he had guaranteed that the u.s would no longer invade it's incredible well at this point kennedy experiences his tremendous breakthrough and realizes you know what this whole racket is just bad news for america it brought us to the edge of nuclear war kennedy of course had kids he realized that how many kids would be destroyed in a nuclear war and so he says no more and so now this is where it's important to place the kennedy assassination in the context of other cold war regime change operations i mean if you look at iran in 53 mohamed mossadegh the prime minister democratically elected they asked him why well what's the point of ousting a guy what because they don't like him no they said that he was communist leaning you see he had he had taken over the british oil interests there and that therefore if he's going to be leaning toward the

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if he's going to be leaning toward the communist this is a threat to national security and they believed it they truly believed this one year later in 54 they go into guatemala democratically elected president jacobo arbenz but this guy's a socialist he he he's not ostracizing communists like in the united states with you know mccarthy hearings and have you ever been a member of the communist party he's bringing communist communists or a faction there in guatemala puts him into his regime he befriends cuba the soviet union the eastern bloc countries he says you know what's the point why can't we just live in peaceful harmonious uh relationships here i got nothing against them and well in the eyes of the national security establishment that was it that was the line that was drawn that we couldn't stand a communist regime there in guatemala now this is you know six or seven years before castro took over in cuba so they go in and they orchestrate a regime change operation where they're they've got a target list for assassinations and armaments had to have been at the top of that list they won't tell us who was on the list yet because they say that would threaten national security today on a coup that was in 54. but armin's had to been at the top of the list and he fortunately escaped with his life but it shows you the mindset we've got to get rid of this guy because he poses a threat to us national security because he's befriending the communist world 10 years after the kennedy assassination you have a classic example of what happened in november 63. you've got the executive branch fighting with the national security branch and the nasa security branch is a branch of government we like to think of it as falling under the executive branch this is nonsense it is so powerful it's so independent that it is essentially its own branch of government and and shelley proved this now this is a coup that was instituted by the us uh the the chilean military wasn't interested in a coup in fact the the uh head of the

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in fact the the uh head of the of the entire chilean armed forces a guy named renee schneider a family man very honorable man uh totally innocent man said no we're not going down this route when the u.s said hey we got to get rid of allende because the argument was allende is a socialist he's democratically elected but he's socialist he's befriending the the soviet union in cuba this is opposed as a threat not only to the united states but to chile so they have to convince the chilean national security establishment that their own president democratically elected poses a threat to nash security in their own country that that's because they're not going to get very far if they say would you please have a coup to protect the u.s national security well schneider says no the constitution of chile doesn't provide for this as a coup for to remove a president we're gonna have to wait till the next election impeachment hadn't worked did that that had not succeeded well the us position was the constitution is not a suicide pact if a president's policies are bringing down the country it's gonna result in a communist takeover it is your job to act as the national security establishment that's the whole idea of a national security state to protect national security and they are the ultimate arbiters of national security and so when when schneider said no the cia simply conspired to assassinate to kidnap him and then assassinate him and he was left dead shot dead on the streets of of santiago and when

his family later sued in federal district court for the wrongful death uh of their father and their husband and so forth uh the court said no you can't sue somebody for for murdering your father the courts here are not to here second guess the national security state this is a political question we're not experts here well this fight between the nascar nash security branch and the executive branch allende and and and the military intelligence faction

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and the military intelligence faction uh was brutal i mean that they surrounded the national palace with tanks with infantry they were firing missiles trying to assassinate him into the national palace uh and allende was fighting back he had a military helmet on he has aids he had high-powered weapons they were they were fighting back but there were no force the executive branch was no force uh to combat the national security branch and agenda ultimately ended up dead and the nasa security branch took over well this has real lessons over here because when you put this in the context of what was going on in the united states and during the cold war here's kennedy who experiences his breakthrough in after the cuban missile crisis and says we're going to end this record he goes to to the peace speech at american university in june of 63 where he says i'm declaring the cold war over whoa he had not consulted with the military or the cia before he delivered this speech he deliberately avoided them he didn't trust him anymore they were they were at war at this point there were but now kennedy is really throwing the gauntlet down like who's going to control this country what direction well the cold war was the justification for converting the federal government to a national security state no cold war means you don't need a pentagon anymore you don't need a joint chiefs of staff you don't need a cia an nsa you can restore a limited government republic to our land uh what but in the eyes of the national security establishment kennedy is doing no different from mosaddegh arbans in fact he's much worse because he's a domestic president i mean these guys were foreign presidents who ostensibly posed a threat to u.s national security by befriending the communist world this is a u.s president who is befriending the communist world kennedy says in his speech we're going to live in peaceful and harmonious relationships with the soviet union he later starts reaching out to cuba he

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he later starts reaching out to cuba he he enters into a nuclear test ban over the vehement objections of the national security establishment he orders a pull out of combat advisers out of vietnam he put no no combat troops there but he orders 1 000 troops to be withdrawn and he tells aides as soon as i win the 64 election we're out of there completely well so here you have a u.s president that is doing really significantly worse than these foreign presidents and prime ministers what choice did the national security establishment have now those of you that are familiar with my book the the kennedy autopsy and the kennedy autopsy too know that this is a this is one of the real ways to understand the the who of the assassination uh the watershed book in this area is by douglas horn who's going to be one of our speakers we've got several speakers that they're going to talk about the medical evidence in this because once you establish that you have a fraudulent autopsy well the gig's up now it's often said oh well if people if if this that the nasa security establishment had orchestrated this assassination someone would have talked well that's not necessarily true the the policy has long been within the cia you don't ever talk about assassinations and uh and the that was the the whole point of assassination is that they were they would be covert in fact they had an assassination manual as early as 1952 where they talked about how to keep the us role and assassination secret and the policy always you never put anything to writing with respect to an assassination so and i mean you're dealing with murder here too if you take for example johnny rosselli now he was the liaison between the mafia and the cia on the on the assassination conspiracy to assassinate castro somebody killed roselli i mean his body

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somebody killed roselli i mean his body parts were found in the can floating in miami harbor nobody's ever talked about who killed who killed roselli but the fact is that in the kennedy assassination people did talk a lot not about the assassination but about the autopsy and it's through the autopsy that you figure out the who of the assassination and you'll see that as we go on in this conference that once you establish a fraudulent autopsy there is no innocent explanation for a fraudulent autopsy it has to be part of a cover-up there's just no other way to explain it and you'll see how the how and why the fraudulent nature of the autopsy as we proceed in our in our conference so if they're using a fraudulent autopsy they're covering up the crime well who are they covering up for well they're not going to cover up for the communists so you can eliminate the communists as part of this conspiracy the the fact is they were covering up for themselves and but they kept that cover on for three decades mostly there were some leaks but they swore everybody to secrecy during the autopsy they threatened them with criminal prosecution with court martial if they ever talked about what they had seen but it's but then in in the 1990s with the assassination records review board the dam partially broke open and people started talking big time and that's when we learn the fraudulent nature of the autopsy now by this time though the the secrecy had by and large worked because the mainstream press was scared to death or indifferent they didn't want to get involved in this a lot of americans were indifferent to it but then there's some of us that said no you can't be indifferent to this this is part of of our country's national security state legacy and and it like i say it's a direct line from that to where we are today now i know that there's a lot of people that they just don't want to consider this possibility it's just i don't want to think about it jacob i

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i don't want to think about it jacob i don't want to think about it the fact that the national security establishment okay they may have assassinated foreign leaders like lumumba they may have gone in there and had coups or regime change operations but they would never do it here in the united states and of course my question is really what if a president really did pose a threat to national security my ideas a lot of people especially right-wingers would love it for the national security state to save america by going in there removing that president again under this rationale that the constitution is not a suicide pact so and some people just say you know if if the military and the cia don't want us to know then we shouldn't know you saw this mindset in in the iraq war where you know weapons of mass destruction weapons of mass destruction there was a lot of americans that said hey they know something that we don't know we can't question them that we got to trust them they're our leaders and that was the mindset back in 63. these are our leaders this is the military the cia we have to trust them the warren commission and so forth um and so they don't want to know it's like if they don't want us to know then we shouldn't know but then there's those that say well we want to know we need to know the truth is important and that's what this conference is about but it's oriented to people who over the years have said well you know it's interesting the candy assassin is interesting but it's very complicated very confusing in large part because of all these alternative theories that the national security establishment has put out to confuse people so i said you know i want to put a conference on oriented toward the educated laymen many of whom are libertarians obviously we're a libertarian foundation our mailing is consists of libertarians mostly these are i'm you know i want to orient this conference to people that want to know but haven't had the time to delve into the literature not sure what to read uh where to get started and so i've told all my speakers i want i want a 101

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i want a 101 conference like to to a college freshman class that i want you to see from the beginning in a very scholarly well-presented way the relationship that kennedy had the why of the assassination why was necessary to remove him from their perspective in terms of national security how this fits in with everything that was going on in the cold war and most important how this leads to where we are today and and that's really the important thing is where are we today i mean you know we we we yearn or we should be yearning for a society that's just a normal society peace prosperity harmony uh you know going to sports events with their families without worrying about the assassinations that are taking place overseas and the forever wars and the coups and the regime change operations and in order to do that we have to examine the national security state and everything it does and everything it has done this is part of our history because by

examining this thing we can then start thinking well maybe it's time to dismantle this thing and this foreign policy of foreign interventionism and empire and and this is the way to restore a limited government republic which is a necessary prerequisite for a free society so i would invite you if you haven't joined us already for this conference to join up with us and i i have no doubts that at the end of this conference you you're at the very least you're going to say you know what now i understand why there's so many people that are so intent on continuing to advance their knowledge their understanding their insights into what happened here you may not agree with it but i think there's a good possibility that you're going to say ah now i see what they're talking about and that's the purpose of this conference to cause people to think and examine where we are as a country today where we come from

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today where we come from and where we need to go thank you so much that's this week's libertarian angle

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